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**OVER \$725,000 RETURNED TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR RECYCLING
Includes New Rebate Incentive for Tons Recycled**

Waukesha, WIS. – Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas announces that 25 partnering municipalities will receive disbursements totaling more than \$725,000 for participating in the Material Recycling Facility (MRF) Dividend/Rebate Distribution Program.

Vrakas said, “The total amount returned to our local government partners this year increased \$75,000 as a result of the new rebate incentive formula designed to encourage residents to recycle more. Our recycling program is a cooperative endeavor that reduces duplicative services in a cost-effective manner, while conserving natural resources, creating jobs, and meeting the growing demand by manufacturers for recycled materials. The County, participating municipalities, residents, companies, and our environment all benefit.”

The self-sufficient program uses state grant funds received on behalf of participating municipalities and revenue from the sale of recyclables to coordinate program education and to process recycled materials at the MRF, which opened in 1991 and was expanded in 1996. It is supported without tax levy dollars.

As a result of efficient program operations, higher market revenues for recycled materials in recent years, and continued grant funding, municipal disbursements range from \$ 1,356 to \$178,670. The new rebate incentive formula is based on the number of tons recycled in each community and the percent of waste recycled, so the more residents recycle, the larger the rebate is for their community.

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“Over \$725,000 Returned to Municipalities for Recycling,” continued...

Since its start, the MRF has processed more than 324,000 tons of newspaper, cardboard, magazines, office paper/mail, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, and metal cans collected from residents. This is equivalent to about 15,390 semi trailers full of recyclables, or a line of trucks 175 miles long.

For more information about the MRF or the recycling disbursement, please contact Karen Fiedler in the Waukesha County Recycling and Solid Waste Office at (262) 896-8300. If residents need a second recycling bin for all their recyclables they can contact their municipal office for a free bin. To find out what should be in the recycling bin visit the website at www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling.

Municipal Recycling Disbursement:

Villages:

Big Bend	\$	4,867
Chenequa		1,930
Dousman		3,954
Eagle		4,689
Elm Grove		35,185
Hartland		27,251
Lac La Belle		1,356
Merton		5,612
Nashotah		4,063
Oconomowoc Lake		2,536
Pewaukee		26,621
Wales		6,757

Towns:

Brookfield	22,438
Delafield	21,420
Lisbon	25,817
Merton	9,450
Oconomowoc	13,686
Summit	20,520
Waukesha	21,745

Cities:

Brookfield	141,218
Delafield	16,395
New Berlin	50,468
Oconomowoc	48,808
Pewaukee	29,916
Waukesha	178,670

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